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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR DISCUSSES SECRETARY'S RECENT MOSCOW

VISIT

1. DURING ROUND OF RECEPTIONS HERE JAN 29 IT WAS
EVIDENT THAT SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS WERE SEARCHING
OUT US VIEWS ON SECRETARY'S RECENT MEETING WITH SOVIET
LEADERS IN MOSCOW. SOVIET AMBASSADOR KIRICHENKO
ASKED ME, AND OTHER SOVIET OFFICIALS INQUIRED OF EMBASSY
OFFICERS, IF WE SHARED HIS IMPRESSION THAT GOOD PRO-
GRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON SALT DURING RECENT MOSCOW VISIT
AND THAT TRIP HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

2. I TOLD KIRICHENKO THAT I UNDERSTOOD SOME PROGRESS
HAD BEEN MADE ON SALT ISSUES AND THAT WE WERE NOW IN
PROCESS OF STUDYING SPECIFIC SOVIET PROPOSALS SET FORTH
IN MOSCOW. BUT, I SAID, ON ANGOLA MY IMPRESSION WAS
THAT, WHILE WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO SOVIET
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RESTRAINT THERE IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL RELATION-

SHIP WITH THE USSR, THE SOVIET ATTITUDE IN MOSCOW
TALKS HAD BEEN UNSATISFACTORY. KIRICHENKO VOICED
SURPRISE THAT WE REGARDED ANGOLA AS A SERIOUS ISSUE
IN SECRETARY'S MOSCOW MEETING; THEN HE CHANGED THE
SUBJECT. OTHER SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS REACTED SIMILARLY.

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